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**Veladero Gold Reserves Increase to 8 Million Ounces
Barrick and Homestake Expect Synergies with
Pascua-Lama Project After Merger**

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Toronto, July 20, 2001 . . . Barrick Gold Corporation today announced that gold reserves at the Veladero Property, jointly owned with Homestake Mining Company, have increased to 8 million ounces (probable reserves). The increase reflects a successful exploration season ending in April at the Argentinean property. Prior to the completion of the planned merger of the two companies, announced on June 25, Veladero is 40 per cent owned by Barrick and 60 per cent by Homestake.

"The two companies' development teams are working together to identify capital and operating cost synergies that will improve the economics of this expanding gold district," said Alan R. Hill, Executive Vice President, Development.

Work continues on metallurgical testing and technical studies to optimize the scope and economics of the Veladero project, which will be further enhanced by the proposed merger of Barrick and Homestake. Among other synergies, the merger would allow for the combined development of Veladero and Barrick's nearby Pascua-Lama Project on the border of Chile and Argentina.

The combined properties would have 25.8 million ounces of gold reserves (proven reserves of 2.4 million ounces and probable reserves of 23.4 million ounces) comprising an entire new gold district. Including Barrick's 100%-owned Filo Norte deposit contiguous with the Filo Federico deposit on the joint venture property, the two proposed pits at Veladero would contain 8.9 million ounces.

The Barrick/Homestake Merger Agreement, which is subject to regulatory and Homestake shareholder approvals, creates a new leader in the gold industry - both in terms of quality and scale. The combined company is expected to have a market capitalization double that of the nearest competitor. It will be the second largest gold producer with the lowest cash costs of any major gold producer and have approximately US\$900 million in cash.

Barrick's shares trade under the ticker symbol ABX on the Toronto, New York, London and Swiss Stock Exchange and the Paris Bourse.

Estimates of Barrick's reserves have been prepared by employees of Barrick under the supervision of Alan R. Hill, P. Eng., Executive Vice President, Development of Barrick. Estimates of reserves for the Veladero property have been prepared using an assumed average long-term gold price of \$300 per ounce and are based on information provided by Homestake Mining Company. For a description of the key assumptions, parameters and methods used in calculating Barrick's reserves see Barrick's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2000.

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